## Set 1

**Problem 1.** Alfredo rolls a fair, six-sided die. What is the probability that he rolls an odd number?

Answer.

Solution. There are six equally likely outcomes: Alfredo can roll a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. The odd numbers Alfredo could roll are 1, 3, and 5. So, the probability that he rolls an odd number is  $\frac{3}{6} = \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|$ .

**Problem 2.** The expression  $(2x-3) \times (5x+2)$  can be written as  $ax^2 + bx + c$ . Find a+b+c.

Answer. |-7|.

**Solution.** We multiply the given expression using the distributive property (or FOIL):

$$(2x-3)(5x+2) = 5x(2x-3) + 2(2x-3)$$
$$= 10x^2 - 15x + 4x - 6$$
$$= 10x^2 - 11x - 6.$$

So, a=10, b=-11, and c=-6, and  $a+b+c=\boxed{-7}$ . **Problem 3.** Simplify the fraction  $-\frac{\frac{12}{33}}{\frac{24}{35}}$ .

Answer.

**Solution.** Invert the denominator, prime factor, then cancel:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{12}{33}}{\frac{24}{35}} &= \frac{12}{33} \times \frac{35}{24} \\ &= \frac{2^2 \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 11} \frac{5 \cdot 7}{2^3 \cdot 3} \\ &= \frac{5 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{35}{66}}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 4.** How many factors does  $2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 4^3$  have?

Answer. 33

**Solution.** We have to be careful on this problem because we are *not* given the prime factorization of the number. So we rewrite the factorization as

$$2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 4^3 = 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 2^6 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^2$$
.

And now we can proceed normally by finding the number of factors as  $(10+1)(2+1)=11\cdot 3=\overline{)33}$ 

## Set 2

**Problem 5.** Triangle ABC has AB = 25 and BC = 7. If  $\angle C = 90^{\circ}$ , find the length of AC.

Answer. 24

**Solution.** Using the Pythagorean Theorem on right triangle ABC,  $(AC)^2 + (BC)^2 = (AB)^2$ . Solving for AC,  $AC = \sqrt{(AB)^2 - (BC)^2} = \sqrt{625 - 49} = \sqrt{576} = \boxed{24}$ .

**Problem 6.** Let  $f(x) = 7x - \sqrt{x} + 3$ . Compute f(4).

Answer. 29

**Solution.** Substituting x = 4,  $f(4) = 7 \cdot 4 - \sqrt{4} + 3 = 28 - 2 + 3 = 29$ .

**Problem 7.** How many squares have all 4 vertices in the array of 16 points below?



**Answer.** 20

**Solution.** We break down cases based on the slopes of the sides:

- 1. Sides are horizontal/vertical. There are 9 squares of side length 1, 4 of side length 2, and 1 of side length 3, for 9+4+1=14 total.
- 2. Sides have slope  $\pm 1$ . There are 4 such squares.
- 3. Sides have slope  $\pm 2, \pm \frac{1}{2}$ . There 2 such squares.

Note that no other cases fit in the array of points. Adding these up, there are  $14+4+2=\boxed{20}$  rectangles. **Problem 8.** Express  $0.\overline{47}=0.47474747...$  as a simplified fraction.

**Answer.**  $\boxed{\frac{47}{99}}$ .

**Solution.** 0.47474747... = 47(0.01 + 0.00001 + 0.000001 + ...). Using the expression for an infinite sum, this equals  $\frac{0.47}{1 - 0.01} = \boxed{\frac{47}{99}}$ .

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## Set 3

**Problem 9.** Compute  $25 \times 316484$ .

Answer. 7912100. Solution. We use

$$25 = \frac{100}{4}$$

so that

$$25 \times 316484 = \frac{100}{4} \times 316484$$
$$= 100 \times \frac{316484}{4}$$
$$= 100 \times 79121$$
$$= \boxed{7912100}.$$

**Problem 10.** What is the largest prime factor of  $25^2 - 14^2$ ?

Answer. 13

**Solution.** We use the property

$$a^{2} - b^{2} = (a + b)(a - b).$$

So,

$$25^2 - 14^2 = (25 + 14)(25 - 14) = 39 \cdot 11 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 13,$$

and we see our largest prime factor is  $\boxed{13}$ .

**Problem 11.** Three consecutive odd integers add up to 27. If I subtract 1 from each of these numbers and multiply them all by 6, what is their new sum?

**Answer.** 144.

**Solution.** We can find the three odd integers and perform the operations described by the problem, but there is a faster way.

Instead, why can call the three consecutive odd integers a, b, c, so

$$a + b + c = 27.$$

We then subtract one from each

$$(a-1) + (b-1) + (c-1)$$

, and then multiply them all by 6,

$$6(a-1) + 6(b-1) + 6(c-1)$$

, we can simplify them

$$6(a-1) + 6(b-1) + 6(c-1) = 6a - 6 + 6b - 6 + 6c - 6$$
$$= 6(a+b+c) - 18$$

and since we know a + b + c = 27 from the problem statement, we can substitute that in:

$$6(27) - 18 = \boxed{144}$$

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**Problem 12.** Rectangle A has side lengths 5 and 4, and Rectangle B has side lengths 7 and 2. What percentage of Rectangle A's area is Rectangle B's area?

**Answer.** 70%.

Solution. In order to calculate how much of Rectangle A's area Rectangle B makes up, we do

Percent B of A = 
$$\frac{\text{Area of Rectangle B}}{\text{Area of Rectangle A}} \times 100$$
  
=  $\frac{7 \cdot 2}{5 \cdot 4} \times 100$   
=  $\frac{14}{20} \times 100$   
=  $14 \times 5$   
=  $\boxed{70\%}$ .